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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1969

TO BE IN EFFECT BY JUNE 1, 1971 --

## Inside Church of Christ for Panamanian Minister

Monday, January 13 through Friday the Northside Church of Christ will hold a series of Gospel messages by Gaugh, a native of Panama, who will preach each evening at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Gaugh is an ordained minister of the Church of Christ and is doing missionary work in Panama. He has been sponsoring the Rankin church for the past year and is making his home with the congregation. He speaks both Spanish and English and said that he brings a message from the people of Panama.

Mr. Gaugh, minister of the church, said this week the church is open to all who want to hear this message. He said that all people from Rankin are cordially invited.

## Early Time For Registration

If you want to vote in 1969, you must make application for a registration certificate by January 15.

Registration, which actually has been open since last October, will close on the last day of January. Everyone, including the age group, must register to participate in any election this year.

Registration will definitely come before the city council, the hospital district and the hospital district and any special election might be called such as a bond issue.

## Livestock Show to be on Jan. 25th

January 25 has been chosen as the date for the Annual County Livestock Show. An announcement will be made next week by County Agent Dab Day. This year's show will be held at the school bus lot in Rankin.

The show is 6:00 p.m. Saturday with the sale to follow immediately after the judging. Mr. Clint Langford, Cultural Agent from Rankin, will judge the sheep show. Mr. Nevills, County Agent from Big Lake is the horse show judge.

The president of the 1969 show is Frank Robbins. The show will be given at a later date, according to Dab Day.

## Country Club Loan Not Rejected as Yet

Reports circulating in Rankin over the past week to the effect that the loan application of the Rankin Country Club had been rejected have proved to be unfounded. Correspondence was still going on between club officials and the FHA as late as last Tuesday.

The "rejection" rumor probably stemmed from a letter received by the club stating that the proposed dues of \$10 per month would not be feasible and that the FHA was proposing a \$15 dues. This proposal was discussed with FHA officials in Temple by telephone and a general agreement was worked out to leave the dues at \$10 and possibly increase the number of memberships from 75 to 100 to be taken under the \$50 initiation fee.

FHA had previously indicated that the \$10 dues would be satisfactory but a misunderstanding about the club's proposed budget (Continued to Back Page)

# Committee Calls for Consolidation of Rankin and McCamey Schools

Coming as no great surprise to those who have been keeping up with the issue, the governor's Committee on Public School Education (COPSE) has recommended that the Rankin and McCamey School Districts be consolidated into one county-wide district. The information was contained in a hefty volume received last week-end by Superintendent H. G. Adams.

Rankin and McCamey were not, however, the only schools in this area hit by the far-reaching and drastic proposals made by COPSE. Only three counties in all of West Texas and the panhandle would be permitted more than one school district under the plan. These would be El Paso, Lubbock and Hale. From the present 1218 districts in Texas, the number is to be reduced to 345 through consolidation if the committee's recommendations are carried out by the Texas Legislature and the Texas Education Agency.

In addition to consolidation, the COPSE report is asking for a state wide taxing program and numerous other goals that will see the amount of money spent on public education raised from the current \$300 million plus to over \$2 billion by 1972. The committee is proposing that these plans — including consolidation — be carried out by not later than June 1, 1971.

### DETAILS INDEFINATE

Exactly how these proposals are to be carried out have not been explained in detail as yet by the committee. For example, in Upton County, they do not at this time say whether all students in the county would go to one school in either Rankin or McCamey or whether the two existing multi-million dollar plants would be used in combination.

COPSE has stated that these details will be worked out on a county to county basis and has recommended that the Legislature

### TO AUSTIN—

Supt. Adams will be in Austin Thursday to attend a meeting of school superintendents at which Gov. John Connally will speak to them concerning the COPSE proposals.

"From all we can learn," said Mr. Adams, "they are definitely going to push very hard on the county-wide consolidation portion of the program."

"You can bet that every school superintendent in Texas will be at the meeting," Adams said.

then appoint a local committee in each county. This local committee would then study the COPSE plan and could either accept it or offer recommendations of their own. Should a local committee fail to approve the COPSE plan or come up with one of their own, power is then requested for the Texas (Continued To Page Five)

# Pecan Tree Planting Urged in Yards

With Rankin Lions Club backing the project, plans were revealed this week that urge each homeowner in Rankin to plant at least one pecan tree in his yard this year.

In an effort to beautify the community and improve the value of local property, the undertaking is being waged on a city-wide basis that will enable combining purchases of the trees at a much lower price than if bought individually. County Agent Dab Day has agreed to take orders and to be responsible for delivery of the trees to Rankin. He will also assist home owners with planting instructions and information on the care of the trees.

A wide number of varieties will be available, such as the newly developed Mohawk and Wichita and such old stand-bys as Western Sly, Burkett, Mahan, Success and Desirable. Cost of the trees, delivered in Rankin, will range from \$3.50 to \$5.50 each, a substantial saving to purchasers.

Day recommends the six-foot size with the Mohawk as possibly the best yard tree. When only one tree is to be planted, he says the Western Sly is probably the best since it is self-pollinating.

For those who would join in the project, a call to Day's office at 693-2313 will bring further information and orders may be placed with him. All orders should be in by January 24. Trees may be put into the ground until early February.

Several of the new variety of pecans have been found to be especially well adapted to conditions of soil and weather in Rankin and make excellent replacements for the elm trees that have become an increasing burden to property owners due to the elm beetles. Several of the newer varieties have produced nuts their second year and are showing indications of becoming heavy producers in a very short time.

One big boost to the pecan tree planting—in addition to the substantial number already growing in Rankin—will come at the Low Rent Housing Project where a number of pecans will be planted in the landscape work.

### Now See Here --

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everyone has the same size bucket.



Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor stand beside one of their prize pecan trees that has done remarkably well since planting four years ago. Only three feet tall—above the ground when set out—the tree is now nearly eleven feet high and has grown at the rate of about

two feet per year. It withstood a very severe hail storm, has required a minimum of attention and produced pecans its second year. Of the Wichita variety, the tree had some seven pounds of nuts this past fall and all were of excellent quality.



# THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

## ANOTHER—

On the front page of this issue of The News will be found a line that reads "Volume XXXIII—Number 1". That means that—for good or bad and one reason or another—the Rankin news—in one form or another—has now been published weekly for 42—going on 43 years.

I don't know why it is necessary for a newspaper to carry this information on its front page but we all do. In fact, all publications of this nature including magazines have their birthdates and the number of issues printed for the year. I suppose it's a government regulation.

Ask anyone and they will tell you that we do not have censorship in the United States and that is true . . . we do not. But at the same time it would surprise you how many "thou shalt nots" the chap in to high top hat imposes on the publishing business—particularly the Postal Department.

These are not exactly laws as such but are rules made up by departments and if you want to get your fingers burned, just break one of them. Hell hath no

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fury like a government department that has had one of its pet rules bent, mutilated or broken.

But the object of this little bit was not to fuss with the Feds but to point out over 40 years of service by The News—fifteen of them by The Scoop & Company.

Sometimes I wonder why little weekly newspapers are published. Frankly, there is seldom anything that is "news" in an issue—most of it already known to the local residents.

But I guess they do serve a worthwhile purpose for no undertaking would last 40 years without the support of the public—in the case of a newspaper, particularly.

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sibly I hope that in some  
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to the community.

**1967—**

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is going to blow a story  
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This one probably leads  
ue in that department.

recent example appeared  
of the better edited weekly  
pers in the state when the  
lockton Pioneer ran a big  
on their New Years e-  
vishing "Happy New Year  
As pointed out by editor  
ker in his column, "Wide  
"There are lots of folks  
uld skip two years and  
now the difference — but  
won't work in our business.

Last Sunday's holiday greeting was probably the oldest "news" story ever published."

And, Baker pointed out, the sequel to the whole mess hit even harder—they had used that identical heading last year. But, as he said, they were only one year behind in 1968.

**A TREE GROWS IN RANKIN—**

Of all the pretty and useful things that God saw fit to put on this earth, a tree is perhaps the most perfect. It is a thing of beauty, provides fruit and shade—and a vast supply of materials.

A tree looks inviting and indicates a state of permanence anywhere. Out here in West Texas a tree is almost priceless.

Rankin Lions Club, in cooperation with the county agent and this newspaper, is working toward a goal of at least one pecan tree somewhere in every yard in Rankin. This is a goal that can be reached and one that—if completed—would make Rankin a unique town in West Texas.

The benefits to the individual property owners would be considerable and the looks of the community would be improved beyond

measure. Picture in your mind the effect this would have on any visitor—to say nothing of our enjoyment—of seeing something like a thousand pecan trees growing in the middle of the West Texas bush.

For an initial cost of probably less than \$10, each homeowner in Rankin can start a tree this year. New varieties of the pecan grow almost as fast as an elm and are well adapted to this part of the state. In fact, according to agent Day, Rankin is probably one of the best pecan-growing areas to be found in that almost without exception, a crop of nuts can be harvested each year.

If you would like to have a part in a community project that can have results for the immediate future and for years to come, get in touch with Day and place your order. Details are on page one.

**Showmanship Show Held in McCamey**

The Annual Upton County Showmanship Show was held Saturday, December 28 at McCamey. Thirty-two members of the Upton 4-H Club were entered with the following results announced:

- 1st Year Feeder — Kirby Shipp, first place
- 2nd and 3rd Year Feeders: — Susijac Garner of McCamey, 1st place; Sandra Jones, Girvin, 2nd place; Hugh Jackson, Midkiff, 3rd place; Owen Yocham, Rankin, 4th place; Joann Sullivan, Rankin, 5th place; and Mark Russom, Midkiff 6th place.
- 4 Year and Older Feeders — Katie Garner McCamey, 1st place; Bill Robbins, McCamey, 2nd place; Denisa Day, Rankin, 3rd place; Dianne Day, Rankin, 4th place; Cody Johnson, McCamey, 5th; and

**Hospital Auxiliary Lists Dec. Memorials**

The Rankin Hospital Auxiliary gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following memorial gifts for the month of December.

IN MEMORY of Mrs. John Paul Godwin from Judge and Mrs. Allen Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bley.

IN MEMORY of Mr. Roy Pierot, brother-in-law of Mr. Dub Day,

Sam Howell, Midkiff, 6th place.

With a large crowd in attendance to watch the contest, Dusty Nevills, county agent of Reagan County did the judging. He also picked the ten lambs to represent Upton County in the Odessa Show.

In the Odessa Show, Kirby Shipp won a second place to finish high for Upton County exhibitors.

from Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sullivan and Mrs. Lou Jeffers.  
IN MEMORY of Mr. Gordon Lee Patterson, son of Mrs. C. E. Terrell, Odessa, from the Fidelis Matrons, First Baptist Church

**Study Club has First New Year Meeting**

Rankin Study Club held their first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 2 when they met at the Rankin Park Building at 4:00 p.m. A business session, president Mrs. Elizabeth Rains presided at the session. Roll call was answered with a homemaking hint.

As a thought for the day, a Chinese proverb was used: "A hundred men may make an encampment, but it takes a woman to make a home."

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## Red Devils Capture Consolation in 38th Reagan Tournament

Led by the sharpshooting of senior Biff Yocham, the Rankin Red Devil basketball varsity put their most important win of the current season in the record book when they took consolation in the sixteen-team 38th Annual Reagan County Tournament, held last week in Big Lake. Crane High School won the championship bracket.

In taking the consolation, the highest finish for a Rankin team in the Reagan County match for the past ten years or so, the Red Devils served notice that they will be definite contenders for the east zone title in District 7-A, to get underway January 24. With the east zone composed of Rankin, Iraan and Sanderson, it had generally been considered an all Iraan show up until last week when the local squad began to find the range.

In their opening round in Big Lake, Rankin lost a one point de-

cision to Lake View, the 3-A school out of San Angelo. In their second match, the Red Devils shocked Alpine, edged by 3-A Kermit 56-55 and bested an old foe, Coahoma, 60-54 in the finals.

In that encounter, Yocham had 35 of Rankin's 60 points and was named to the all-tournament team at the end of competition.

In addition to his basketball play the rangy Rankin student was also recently honored by being named an offensive end on the second team "All-West Texas Super Team" as selected by the Standard-Times.

## TAX MAN SAM SEZ

The Statistics of Income indicate that many taxpayers who are over 65 years of age do not claim the extra exemption allowed them for age. Occasionally you hear of the little lady who didn't want the computer to know that she was that old—but this can't be the real

## School Menu

JANUARY 13-17

MONDAY

Honey, Park Sausage, Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Apple Cobbler

TUESDAY

Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pizza, French Fries, Egg Custard

WEDNESDAY

Carrot & Cabbage Slaw, Barbecue On A Bun, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Sliced Peaches

THURSDAY

Lettuce Wedge, Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Green Beans & Whole Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Banana Pudding

FRIDAY

Celery Sticks, Hot Dogs, Potato Chips, Brownies

Fresh Milk and Butter served with each meal.

## HINTS for the HOMEMAKER

By Mrs. Louie S. Jeffers, County Home Demo. Agent

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answer.

A good "guesstimate" would be most of us feel so young (except when we want to fuss about feeling so old) that we forget all about being over 65, especially when we are in a rush to file our income tax return.

In case you forget about having past the 65 mark last year, the Internal Revenue Service will still give you credit, adjust your tax bill, and send you a refund, if you tell them about it. Simply send IRS a 1040X. On that 1968 tax return, take a memory pill and remember your age and go ahead and fill out your return.



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## HOWDY NEIGHBOR

by  
BOYD PIERCE  
OF BURLESON

Moderrn girls certainly are having a difficult time keeping stylish without being cold.

I hope the moon isn't inhabited. This country can't afford any more foreign aid.

A friend in need seldom hesitates to tell you.

The best way to learn the value of money is to be without it for a while.

It's becoming nearly as hard to live within your credit as it is within your income.

The old proverb "better late than never" is believed by everyone except the boss.

Nothing makes a man sicker than being sick on his afternoon off.

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When making a fire sticks, one should be careful one of them is a match.

The only thing some people care more than being tall is not being talked about.

All men are born equal though some are taller than others.

A fellow can't win with a woman, but he can break even by being friendly and saying "I love you."

Cosmetics are used to make them look and by their mother's name them look younger.

It's still a good goodnight to you especially if you have to be awake when the TV is on.

Trying to get a good wise with some folks like trying to thread a machine needle with a running thread.

Wouldn't it be a question at home when we are asked the big shots in Washington.



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CORDIALLY  
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LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
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## The Right Foot...

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### Consolidation --

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develop.  
Another aspect of the proposal that is unclear is the requirement that all districts have at least 2200 students with a minimum of 1600 in sparsely settled areas. In Upton County, even if both Rankin and McCamey were combined, enrollment — based on last year's records—would be only 1385 average daily attendance. Many West Texas counties would have even less. Also not explained by COPSE is how they propose to transport students over the vast distances involved such as Pecos County and Brewster, to name

two. Brewster is larger than several states in the United States.  
**UNCERTAIN**

Whether or not the COPSE plan will actually be put into effect depends on the Texas Legislature. Not in session at this time, no definite trend in the thinking of the individual members of the law making body has been established but a report in the Tuesday morning edition of the San Angelo Standard-Times indicated that a possible "City vs. Country" fight might develop with the big-town legislators going along with most of the COPSE plan and the rural representatives fighting hard against forced consolidation.

George Baker, the representative-elect from this district, has said that he opposes consolidation while the stand of senator-elect Pete Snelson is not known at this time.

### Mrs. Ratliff Hosts Omicron Tau Meet

Omicron Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Rusty Ratliff. Mrs. David Binkley, president, presided at the business meeting.

All members brought gifts to send to the Big Spring State Hospital for Christmas.

### Rankinites Mother Buried Wednesday

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 8 at McCamey First United Methodist Church for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Covill, 80, mother of James E. Covill, Rankin. Burial was in McCamey Cemetery under the direction of Spalding Funeral Home.

Mrs. Covill died at 9:30 a.m. last Monday in Crane Memorial Hospital after an illness.

Born Dec. 23, 1888 in Texarkana, Ark., she was married to John E. Covill in 1904. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and McCamey Garden Club.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Wingfield of Roswell; two other sons, Floyd E. Covill of McCamey and Charles W. Covill of Austin; three sisters, 12

Committee reports were given by committee chairmen. Plans for the annual Christmas dance were made.

Following the closing ritual, all members exchanged Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Ratliff served refreshments and Mrs. John Midikff won the door prize.

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.  
Grandsons were pallbearers.

### Flu Bug Missing in Rankin Classrooms

Rankin Schools are apparently escaping the flu bug at the present time. H. G. Adams, superintendent, said Tuesday that the attendance was near normal and gaining following the opening of school after the Christmas - New Year holidays. Only seven percent of the student body was reported out of class Monday and the superintendent said that he attributed most of that to delays in returning from the Yule vacations.

At Rankin Hospital, however, it was a different story. Last Monday, some fifteen patients were confined, a majority suffering a flu-type sickness. Dr. J. D. Gossett said that he was not trying to determine the type of flu that his patients had since extensive laboratory work would be necessary and would only add to the cost of treatment.

From most reports, the adult population is the current target for the illness and the younger people are getting by with either light cases or no trouble at all.

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